April 17, 2001

Dr. Richard Thompson State Superintendent of Education P.O. Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I have reviewed the documentation provided by you regarding the LifeShare Foundation's offer to construct a building at no cost to the Department of Education for the use and benefit of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Upon completion of construction of said building, the LifeShare Foundation has stated that it will donate the building to the Department of Education with no restrictions or stipulations attached to the donation. I approve of the proposition if the above terms are met.

This building can provide a valuable avenue of support for both parents of deaf and blind students and for the students themselves. Parents of students may stay in the short-stay overnight facility in order to provide for an effective transition of students into the residential school setting.

I am pleased to offer support for this project.

Very truly yours,

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